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TODAY

Calendar

High noon talks

The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum is hosting a discussion on the impact of vaquero culture on Western poetry and literature. It begins today at noon.

Women's basketball

The Longhorns will play Texas Tech tonight at the Frank Erwin Center. The game begins at 7 p.m. and tickets range from \$8-\$16.

'Promise land'

Local Americana band Sour Bridges is holding its CD release party tonight at Mohawk with supporting acts Whiskey Shivers and The Baker Family. Doors open at 9 p.m. and tickets are \$8 for minors and \$6 for everyone else.

Today in history

In 1931

Congress officially designates "The Star-Spangled Banner" as the national anthem of the United States.

Campus watch

Smooth hop-er-ator

Townes Hall, 727 Dean Keeton St. A UT staff member recognized a known offender who entered the building, approached a secured locker and removed two cans of beer. The staff member recognized the subject as the same subject who had been arrested a few days earlier. The subject entered one of the elevators and headed toward a restricted upper floor. During the investigation, the officers located the subject on the fifth floor drinking alcohol from a travel mug. The subject was taken into custody for Criminal Trespass and was transported to Central Booking.



Quote to note

"The real problem in the state of Texas is not that too many people are voting, it's that too few people are voting. We cannot afford to leave people behind. People should be able to exercise their right to vote in a way that is not substantially encumbered."

— **Rep. Rafael Anchia**
D-Dallas

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82ND LEGISLATURE

Texas' growth presents challenges for redistricting

By **Melissa Ayala**
Daily Texan Staff

The state's large population increase and diversification will be obstacles Texas House members will face when they redraw the lines for state voting districts, said state representatives at a committee meeting Tuesday.

The Texas Legislative Council and the Of-

fice of the State Demographer testified before the House Committee on Redistricting at its first meeting of the 82nd Legislature. It was the first time the committee heard any presentation of census data. Lawmakers redraw district boundaries every 10 years after the federal government publishes census data.

"The challenge that we have in this com-

mittee is to draw our districts to reflect the changing demographics that we've heard a lot about," said Rep. Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio, the vice chairman of the redistricting committee. "There seems to be a tension we're wrestling with drawing these new districts to recognize the changing diversity."

Representatives from both agencies agreed that the 2010 U.S. Census signals a dramat-

ic increase of Hispanics in the state of Texas — 2.8 million people out of the total 4.2 million population growth, 2.8 million were Hispanic.

The committee avoided discussing how individual districts would be affected. Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, said his district is likely to

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Derek Stout | Daily Texan Staff

Dave McQuary and Hannah Oley, third annual Texas Travesty executive alliance student government candidates, are running in hopes of saving the world. Campuswide general elections will be held today and Thursday.

Travesty candidates vow to save humanity



Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan Staff file photo

Aaron Walther and Laura Grant, the Travesty candidates from last year, ran on a totalitarian platform of striking fear into students.

By **Ahsika Sanders**
Daily Texan Staff

The self-proclaimed rabble-rousers at the Texas Travesty are setting their sights on SG leadership for the third time — this year to save humanity from nuclear war.

The Travesty is a University-sponsored satirical newspaper that pokes fun at University institutions. Since 2009, members of the organization have infiltrated SG elections under the guise of presidential candidates.

Natalie Butler, presidential hopeful and Plan II, government and political communications se-

nior, is the butt of this year's joke. The campaign casts her as a tyrant whose potential presidency will lead to the destruction of the human race.

The first Travesty presidential candidate, 2010 alumnus Zak Kinnaird, said aside from the humor of the gag, he cannot remember why the Travesty decided to sponsor SG candidates. Kinnaird also ran for the now defunct at-large representative position in 2008 as the first satirical Travesty candidate.

"Maybe it was a publicity move, or maybe we just thought SG was very silly," he said.

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Court begins hearing case to revise rules for inventions

By **Matthew Stottlemire**
Daily Texan Staff

The U.S. Supreme Court began to hear a case Monday that could change the rules governing the intellectual property rights to inventions from University research.

Intellectual property licensing brought more than \$14 million to the University in 2010, according to the Office of Technology and Commercialization's statistics. Based on a 1980 law — known as the Bayh-Dole Act, which sets rules for intellectual property ownership in federally funded research — the University can hold licensing rights to any inventions or technologies resulting from research done by its professors.

Stanford University filed suit against Roche Molecular Systems, a biotechnology company which sold AIDS test kits. The kits used technology a Stanford professor developed, and the company did not pay the university. The professor had signed an agreement with a company that Roche later bought.

UT Vice President for Research Juan Sanchez said because of the University's contracts with faculty, the case has little impact on research. He said UT did not feel the need to change its contract with professors as many schools did after the Stanford case began, because UT's contract does not leave room for the ambiguity in assignment of intellectual property rights like Stanford's did.

"There was no need to change because the policy is explicit in the contract with the faculty that they assign all [intellectual property] to the [UT System] Board of Regents," Sanchez said.

He said even when UT faculty consult with outside firms, specific guidelines ensure the Board of Regents retain intellectual property rights.

Earl Swartzlander, UT electrical and computer engineering professor, said whatever the ruling, the moti-

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SG approves smoking ban, to take full effect in 7 years

By **Ahsika Sanders**
Daily Texan Staff

Smokers used to stepping outside of University buildings to have a cigarette may have to go off-campus after Student Government passed a smoke-free campus resolution Tuesday.

The resolution calls for a seven-year process that would make UT a tobacco-free campus, create a University-wide task force to decide policy implementation and extend the free University Health Services smoking cessation program, "Quitters," to include faculty and staff.

The resolution will make the campus "generally" smoke-free so UT can become a healthier, more environmentally friendly campus, said SG Administrative Director Nathan Bunch.

"It would allow permits for special events, such as football games, and in certain areas, but campus will be generally smoke-free," Bunch said. "For instance we are technical-

ly a dry campus, but people are permitted to drink at football games and tailgates, and we have the Cactus Cafe."

Bunch said SG's initial approach was to find specific areas to make smoke free, but their research showed prohibition of smoking would be more feasible. Because students, faculty and staff do not adhere to current smoking regulations, strengthening the regulations would be pointless, he said.

"In no way are we trying to demonize smokers," he said. "But how does the ability to walk wherever you want and smoke weigh against a clean campus?"

According to a study conducted by *no-smoke.org*, over 400 other U.S. higher education institutions implemented or are in the process of implementing similar smoke-free campus policies. Among them are UT peer institutions Indiana University at Bloomington, University

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States challenge birthright citizenship

By **Jody Marie Serrano**
Daily Texan Staff

Five states are bracing for a constitutional debate as they consider similar legislation that could change the definition of birthright citizenship in their states.

The controversial legislation

seemed doomed to failure, said former Texas Solicitor General James Ho at the Civil Rights on the Border Symposium on Tuesday. The Texas Journal on Civil Liberties and Civil Rights — a publication dedicated to providing information and analysis on current civil rights laws — hosted the symposium.

On Jan. 5, state lawmakers from Arizona, Georgia, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and South Carolina, proposed legislation that Ho said challenges the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which states "all

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Clinical law professor **Barbara Hines** speaks about the problems of immigrants in detention centers at the "Civil Rights on the Border Symposium" on Tuesday. The symposium focused on controversial legislation that concerns children born in the U.S. and to illegal immigrants.

Shannon Kintner
Daily Texan Staff

Zak Kinnaird, the first Travesty candidate, dances on a platform of resume padding in the 2009 SG elections.



Mary Kang
Daily Texan file
photo

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Kinnaird ran a platform on the basis of filling the “SG president-shaped hole” in his resume and looking good in a suit.

“I guess the statement there was that sometimes issues are relevant and sometimes they aren’t,” Kinnaird said. “A lot of times the people who are running are interested in furthering their own careers or interests.”

He said as the University’s satirical paper, the Travesty decided to play a humorous role in the elections.

“It is our duty to lampoon and make fun of institutions — they are usually a big target to anything that we do,” he said. “I don’t think we’ve ever wanted to make any political statement other than that humor publications can be sort of a safety valve of regulation institutions.”

Last year’s Travesty candidate, philosophy senior Aaron Walther, said his campaign was run on a “stern but fair rule” because other candidates often focus on “non-issues.” Walther and his running mate portrayed Russian-inspired totalitarians in their campaign.

He said he wanted to bring healthier food to UT by planting fruit trees all around campus and mandate that UT faculty carry large assault rifles on their hips at all times to instill fear in students.

“Students who feared for their safety would be more inclined to study to the best of their ability and would therefore be more desirable for an employer,” Walther said.

He said his issues may have been a bit too extreme for voters but this year’s campaign is motivated by nothing more than the salvation of the human race.

“I cannot stress enough how important this is — if Natalie Butler is elected as student body president the world as we know it will end,” he said.

This year’s Travesty candidate, David McQuary, also known as presidential candidate Captain Dave-id Tiberius McQuary 5000, said Butler, as the “de-facto winner,” was an obvious target for his campaign.

Butler, who giggled when she talked about McQuary’s mission to destroy her, said the campaign is hilarious and can only help her in the elections.

“It’s sort of getting my name out there,” she said. “If some people had no idea who I was but they knew about the Travesty candidates’ campaign, they would be more inclined to look me up and see what I’m really about.”

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persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside.”

Ho said with the exception of children of foreign diplomats and others who are immune to U.S. law, history shows lawmakers intended the 14th Amendment to cover every child born in the U.S.

Ho said the legislation, if passed, would not confer citizenship to children born to illegal immigrants and would require a constitutional amendment to enact it.

Although Texas is not currently considering a bill that would prevent the children of undocumented immigrants from gaining citizenship, Ho said he believes the current surge of anti-immigration legislation in Texas is a result of the Arizona immigration law, which requires law enforcement officials to verify citizenship of suspicious individuals in the course of a routine arrest.

In a statement, Gov. Rick Perry said while he supports Arizona’s

right to enforce laws to keep the public safe, certain components of the bill would not be fit for Texas.

“We cannot have a meaningful conversation about immigration reform without securing the border first,” said spokeswoman Lucy Nashed. “And that is where the governor’s focus remains. He will continue to call on the federal government to provide the adequate resources necessary to ensure our southern border is secure.”

UT alumnus Jose Torres-Don said he and fellow undocumented students risked deportation when they lobbied U.S. Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nevada, on the DREAM Act, a bill that would have allowed undocumented immigrant students a legal path to citizenship. The current birthright citizenship proposals would be an attack on children and on the Hispanic community, he said at the event.

“A lot of this affects mixed families who have undocumented family members,” Torres-Don said. “It would further marginalize a community that’s already hurting.”

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of Michigan at Ann Arbor and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. UT would be the largest smoke-free campus in the U.S.

“I hate smoking and I think it’s a nasty habit, but an all-out ban is inappropriate,” said government sophomore Huey Fischer, a non-smoker.

“Smokers are people too, and they have that right. Plus, I believe

I inhale more carcinogens from the Forty Acres bus than from second-hand smoke.”

SG representative John Lawler said he opposed amending the resolution to specify that it would “generally” ban smoking.

“As someone who’s grandparents died of emphysema and has a father dealing with the plagues of secondhand smoking, I believe it should be 100 percent smoke-free,” he said. “Reducing this resolution to specify ‘generally’ smoke-free will only water it down and weaken it.”

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Libyan rebels continue to face challenges

By Hanza Hendawi
& Paul Schemm
The Associated Press

BENGHAZI, Libya — They have little ammunition, their equipment is old and outdated and their fighters are poorly trained. Even though they boast of tanks, army bases and airports in eastern Libya, rebels still face many challenges before they can make any real move on Moammar's Gadhafi's stronghold in Tripoli hundreds of miles to the west.

Analysts believe the standoff between forces loyal to Gadhafi and rebels backed by army troops who have defected would likely be settled on the streets. But they said they could not rule out that a hurriedly assembled force from the east would move out to seize Tripoli.

"It will take people power to unseat Gadhafi," said Peter Felstead, editor of Jane's Defence Weekly.

Leaders of the eastern rebellion said they were trying to put together a force made up of army troops and volunteers with basic military training and that they already have more than 5,000 volunteers. The plan, they explained, was to march on Tripoli through the desert, skirting big loyalist towns along the way like Sirte, and to glean information from Tripoli on the easiest route into the city.

Already, signs are growing that the roughly 470-mile march to Tripoli to oust Gadhafi or an effort to consolidate defenses in the east in the face of a possible attack by forces loyal to the Libyan leader would receive the blessing or even the support of the West.

"We asked all the military people to come back to work," said Ali Idris, a leading member of the city of Bayda's council in eastern Libya. "The problem is that Tripoli is



Libyan rebel recruits stand in formation during a training session after joining together against Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi. They signed up at a training base in Benghazi on Tuesday.

Kevin Frayer | Associated Press

heavily defended so we are trying to contact people there to figure out how to get into Tripoli."

At one of two military bases at Shahhat near Bayda, a Libyan army officer said an effort is being made to gather all available weapons in the base and on the streets to use to defend areas under rebel control.

"I do not know how many troops there are," said Maj. Salem Abdel-Mula, explaining many had fled, but there had also been civil-

ian volunteers. "Maybe some 800 of them have joined us."

"Food, medicine, weapons — anything would help," he said of possible Western aid.

The European Union said Monday it was discussing the possibility of creating a no-fly zone over Libya and the Pentagon said it was repositioning some armed forces to near Libya in case they were needed, but it did not say what they might be needed for.

Western support could be cru-

cial if the rebel-held east decides to end the stalemate with Libya's Gadhafi and send a force west to capture Tripoli and topple his 41-year-old regime.

The army units visible in the area did not inspire confidence and the main Shahhat base was the site of the climactic battle between rebel and government forces just a week before.

The buildings were largely gutted and covered in graffiti. Spent shell casings littered the area, and

burned and twisted heavy guns were everywhere.

"We are not trying to go to war, but if the order comes, we will be ready to go to Tripoli," he said.

But not everyone in the east is eager for a military showdown with Gadhafi's forces.

Ahmed Jibreel, a Libyan diplomat involved in plans to set up an administration that would run the east, said he hoped Gadhafi would give up and leave rather than see more Libyan bloodshed in battle.

NEWS BRIEFLY

Gay marriages may be allowed while courts consider state's ban

SAN FRANCISCO — California's attorney general asked a federal appeals court on Tuesday to allow gay marriages to resume while the court considers the constitutionality of the state's ban on same-sex unions.

The request came after the California Supreme Court said it needed the rest of the year to consider a legal question the appeals court said it needs answered before it can resolve the case.

In her letter to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, state Attorney General Kamala Harris said the sponsors of the voter-approved ban, known as Proposition 8, were unlikely to prevail in their appeal to reinstate the ban that was struck down by a trial judge.

Keeping Proposition 8 in effect therefore violates the civil rights of gay Californians, Harris said.

Wisconsin governor announces controversial budget proposal

MADISON, Wis. — After focusing for weeks on his proposal to strip public employees of collective bargaining rights, Gov. Scott Walker on Tuesday presented his full budget proposal — a plan that cuts \$1.5 billion in aid to public schools and government but avoids any tax or fee increases, furloughs or widespread layoffs.

Walker said the cuts could be paid for in large part by forcing government employees to pay more for their pension and health care benefits. But his proposal to do that — and to eliminate most collective bargaining — remains in limbo after Senate Democrats fled the state to prevent a vote.

"This is a reform budget," Walker said in prepared remarks. "It is about getting Wisconsin working again, and to make that happen, we need a balanced budget that works — and an environment where the private sector can create 250,000 jobs over the next four years."

—The Associated Press

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Student Government endorsements

Editor's note: The Texan editorial board sent questionnaires to Student Government candidates running for Executive Alliance, University-wide, Co-op and Union positions, as well as students running for a place on the Texas Student Media board. We gave preference to those who returned a questionnaire, but we researched every candidate who applied to run for office.

The Daily Texan editorial board endorses the following candidates:

Executive alliance

Natalie Butler and Ashley Baker

The Daily Texan endorses Natalie Butler and Ashley Baker for the position of student body president and vice president. Butler and Baker have made budget issues their No. 1 priority, and we believe their vision and experience make them the best candidates to represent the student body in a time of economic crisis.

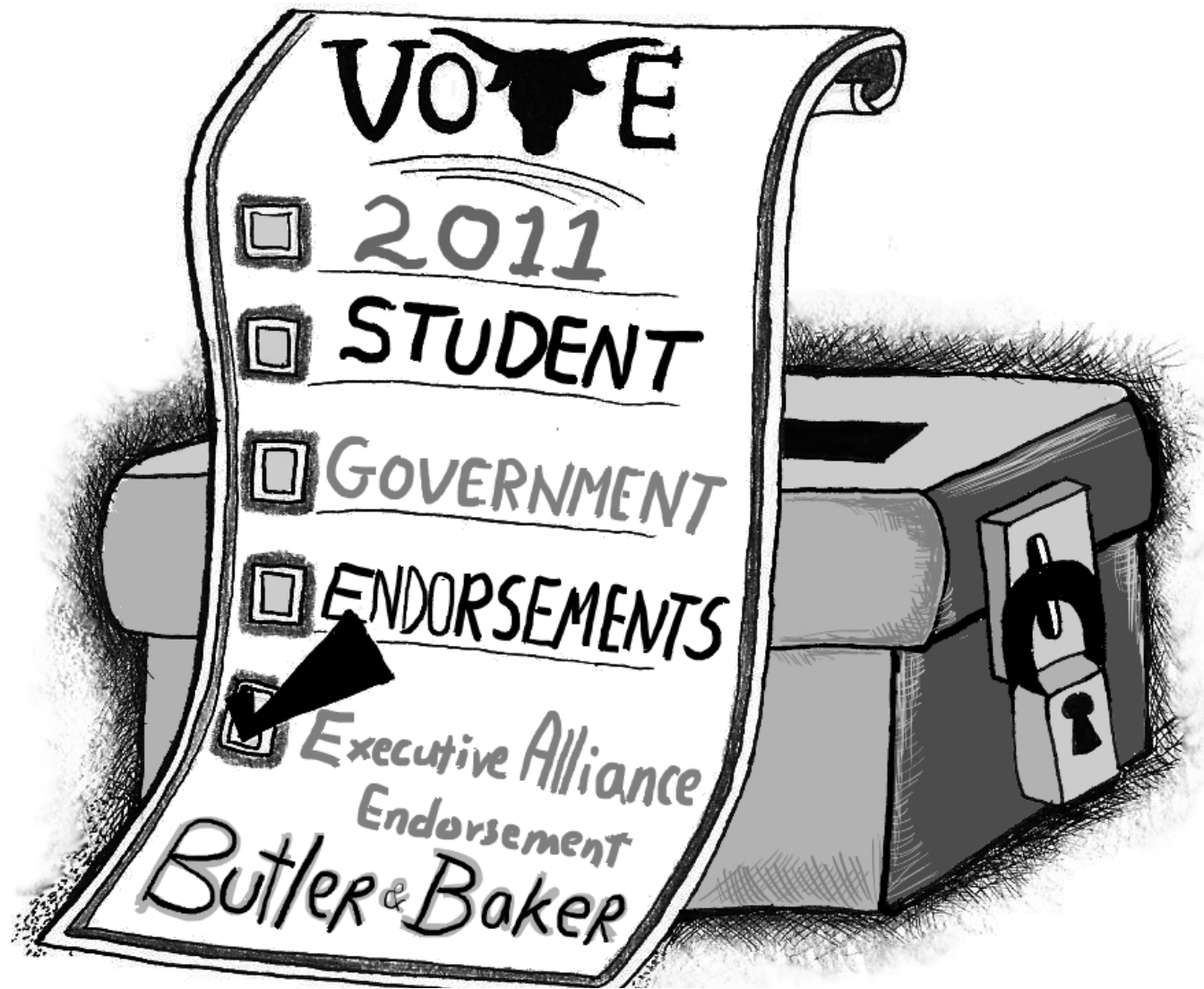
While student leaders cannot prevent budget cuts, they can influence where and how the cuts will be distributed. We have confidence in Butler and Baker's plans to ensure student representation in budget issues and protect the academic quality of UT. They say they want to include students on the University Budget Council and promote the College Tuition and Budget Advisory Committees so that students can provide a much-needed voice in budgetary matters.

If elected president, Butler will serve on the Tuition Policy Advisory Committee, a board charged with issuing a tuition recommendation to President William Powers Jr., who then sends his proposal to the Board of Regents. We are pleased that Butler and Baker have expressed a commitment to not only keeping UT affordable, but also promoting transparency and accountability in the tuition-setting process.

While we were impressed with the dedication and ideas of other students running for office, we ultimately chose the candidates who we believe will be strong, unwavering advocates for student input in the budget process.

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University-wide representative: 8 open positions

Chase Covington

As a current liberal arts representative, Covington has led a campaign encouraging professors to submit their textbook lists to the Co-op earlier, ultimately leading to better buyback deals for students. If elected, he hopes to expand this effort and increase textbook affordability for students. However, his other main goal is to raise thousands of dollars to order safety whistles — with the SG logo, of course — and distribute them to students. While we support his goal to address textbook affordability, we do not think spending time, money and effort to distribute safety whistles is the most efficient use of SG resources.

Rosa Gutierrez

Gutierrez's emphasis on Riverside and Far West communities, areas typically underrepresented in SG, makes her a unique candidate for university-wide representative. She plans to advocate for better transportation to and from these areas and to increase the number of parking spots available in the evening for students. In addition, Gutierrez hopes to hold more and better advertised budget-related meetings open to all students.

Wesley Williams

Williams has been in SG for two years and currently serves as the undergraduate studies representative. He wants to ensure SG holds tuition and budget committees — including the Tuition Policy Advisory Committee, the Student Services Budget Committee and the College Tuition and Budget Advisory Committee — accountable through regular reports to the SG assembly. Williams also hopes to improve campus safety with additional lighting, emergency call boxes and security and to increase after-hours parking for students studying or meeting on campus in the evenings.

Yaman Desai

Desai's experience with SG and vision for its role should earn him a full term as a University-Wide representative. As a director of Hook the Vote, Desai helped orchestrate the registration of more than 10,000 students to vote last semester, and he is already working to help organize the effort for 2012. Additionally, as a University-Wide rep, Desai established himself as a leader on the Liberal Arts College Tuition and Budget Advisory Committee and Invest in Texas. Desai's devotion to SG is clear, as is his vision about what role it should play in the UT community.

Matt Hicks

As an engineering rep, Hicks has established himself as one of the most respected and authoritative figures on SG practices and rules. At a time when meetings can last upward of three hours and consist of debate about menial issues, having a figure focused on efficiency and productivity is a much needed asset. Hicks has also been instrumental in support of the recent reforms and his ability to lead in student government would only be expanded with a term as a University-Wide representative. Hicks's history leaves us with little doubt he will perform well.

Daniel Olvera

Olvera has the potential to advocate for underrepresented groups in UT Student Government. Olvera describes himself as a "Latino, poor and undocumented student," and he wants to speak for students who are often left out of the conversation in SG. Perhaps somebody with his experiences will provide a sense of context when SG spends hours debating relatively unimportant issues, such as online room reservations. We believe Olvera will provide a much needed voice as a University-Wide representative.

Kristin Thompson

Thompson has the experience and initiative to be an effective leader as a University-Wide representative. As president of the Black Student Alliance, we believe Thompson developed the skills needed to both effectively advocate her positions as well as work within SG and with outside organizations to make SG an effective tool for students. We are especially pleased with her participation on the Simkins Advisory Board, because it shows she was willing to put in the extra time during the summer to push for her beliefs and unafraid to conflict with the administration, if need be.

Co-op Board of Directors: 2 open positions

Alex Jones:

Jones' ideas to expand the Co-op's textbook market and to simplify the current rebate system show a strong vision and a commitment to student interests. Jones' well-rounded platform seeks to increase Co-op profits, while decreasing textbook costs for students. We believe he has the knowledge and skills to be successful in the position.

Elizabeth Stone:

In her platform, Stone advocates for professors to submit their textbook requirements at an earlier date, which would give both students and the Co-op added flexibility in purchasing textbooks. While we have reservations regarding Stone's idea to offer a discount for students who receive a 4.0, we believe the rest of her platform is sound and that she is well-qualified for the position.

Union Board of Directors: 2 open positions

Cody Johnson

Johnson proposes requiring Union board members to attend a certain number of events at the Student Events Center every year. Additionally, Johnson advocates reforming the current policies regarding catering at events held in the Union. The current policies are archaic and work directly against students. We fully support such a change and believe Johnson will work to improve the Union.

Sanyam Sharma

As the current chair of the Student Events Center committee, Sharma has extensive experience with the types of programming currently hosted by the Union. We also believe that Sharma has an efficient and productive long-term vision for the new Student Activity Center that will see the facility maximized to the benefit of all students.

Texas Student Media At-large seat #2:

Tristan Mace

The Editorial Board endorses public relations senior Tristan Mace for at-large seat No. 2 on the Texas Student Media Board of Operating Trustees. Most notably, Mace has pledged to meet with student managers of TSM's five media departments. While we appreciate Mace's business experience and background, we hope he is able to transcend election rhetoric and buzzwords and add much needed leadership to an organization in dire financial straits.

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House committee starts voter ID, fraud hearings

By Shamoyita DasGupta
Daily Texan Staff

At a House committee hearing Tuesday, state representative got their first look at one of this session's most contentious bills that conservative lawmakers say would crack down on voter fraud in Texas.

The House Select Committee on Voter Identification and Voter Fraud listened to the public testimony on the bill identical to the one Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, filed in the Senate, which passed its version on Jan. 28.

The bill will require voters to present an unexpired identification card issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety, military identification, a passport or a citizenship certificate with a photograph. Documents that have expired less than 60 days prior are still acceptable.

At Tuesday's hearing, witnesses in favor of the bill defended its constitutionality. While lower courts in various states have issued conflicting opinions about Voter ID laws, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 2008 that a Voter ID law in Indiana is constitutional.

"Congress has recognized photo identification as a valid way to validate a voter's identity," said Christian Ward, an attorney who testi-

fied. "[Voter identification] gives voters more confidence that their system is fraud proof and that their own validly cast vote will count and will not be diluted by fraudulent voting."

Those opposed to the bill said the Legislature should focus on reducing the intimidation of minority voters instead of trying to pass the Voter ID bill.

"The Voting Rights Act would suggest to us that we do what we can to ensure minority participation in voting," said Texas NAACP President Gary Bledsoe. "We've seen a much larger problem with voter intimidation and voter irregularities than we've seen the need for voter identification."

Those who were not in favor of the bill suggested making the bill broader so it does not disenfranchise more voters.

"The real problem in the state of Texas is not that too many people are voting, it's that too few people are voting," said Rep. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas. "We cannot afford to leave people behind. People should be able to exercise their right to vote in a way that is not substantially encumbered."

Students who are registered to vote in Texas and have a valid student ID but an out-of-state license would also be ineligible to vote.

Political panel questions future power of Tea Party

By Mary Ellen Knewtson
Daily Texan Staff

Although the Tea Party played a key role getting Republicans elected in the 2010 elections, four political observers at a panel Tuesday said they are uncertain how the group will fare in 2012 or what positions they will endorse.

About 70 students attended the panel discussion that included political consultant Jordan Berry, Texas Tribune reporter Reeve Hamilton, UT government lecturer James Henson and Taurie Randermann, chief of staff for freshman Tea Party candidate Rep. Stefani Carter, R-Dallas.

Henson identified ideological differences between Tea Party Republicans and other Republicans. Tea Party supporters are 13-percent less likely to support an increased tax on alcohol than non-Tea Party Republicans and 18-percent more willing to legalize marijuana, he said.

"[The Tea Partiers] are finding out that they're not going to get what they want as easily as they thought," Hamilton said. "They need to figure out what their relationship with the Republicans is."

Four Tea Party candidates won House seats after the 2010 general election. Although many of the Tea Party candidates lost their primary elections, their supporters shifted their votes to endorse Republican candidates, which led the Repub-



I-Hwa Cheng | Daily Texan Staff
Government lecturer James Henson discusses the impact and future of the Tea Party in American politics during a panel discussion Tuesday evening.

lican supermajority in the House, Randermann said.

She said despite differences in ideology, many Republicans in office are careful to hear out Tea Party grievances and strive to represent their initiatives in votes.

Berry said consultants worked with Tea Party organizers to help them transform their efforts into a power that would lead to more conservative policy changes.

"You're going to start seeing a lot of legislation that will excite the Tea Party," he said. "You guys are going to start to see concealed handguns on your campus by this time next year."

History senior Jon Andropoulos, who attended the panel, said he has always been politically active.

"I think most of the rhetoric sur-

rounding the movement is a bit sensationalist and unbalanced," he said.

Austin Tea Party organizer Heather Liggett said she wishes the media would talk to members of the group instead of about them. She said that her organization is a group of stay-at-home moms, retired teachers and other citizens who believe the government has grown too large.

NEWS BRIEFLY

A&M cadets steal newspapers because of unflattering story

Corps of Cadets members at Texas A&M University stole thousands of copies of the school's student newspaper Monday, causing more than \$5,000 in damages.

The Corps members responded to a story in Monday's Battalion about yell leader candidate Josh Light. He received a minor in consumption charge in January 2010 and later lied about his behavior in an interview with the newspaper, said Battalion editor-in-chief Matt Woolbright.

"Yell leaders are celebrities on campus," Woolbright said. "Next to the student body president, it's the most important position up for election."

Light first denied, then admitted to committing the past offense in an interview with Woolbright. The Corps of Cadets took no disciplinary action against Light.

Woolbright said he published the story so students could make an informed decision during the election. The newspaper theft disturbs the democratic process and freedom of the press, he said.

Students and staff witnessed Corps members in and out of uniform walking off with armfuls of newspapers and reported these incidents to the newspaper staff.

Woolbright said the newspaper plans to file a complaint with the university and handle the incident through its judicial system.

Authorities within the organization advised Corps members at a meeting the night before not to take any newspapers. Brett Bergamo, head yell leader, said cadets did take the papers but later returned them.

— Marty McAndrews

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lose two House seats after reviewing census data because the district increased by only about 1 percent, or 182,761 people. Other counties grew by percentages in the double digits — for example, Travis County grew by 26 percent.

"We've been here 13-14 days after the U.S. census delivered their numbers, and it's now time to hear an update about what this data says and what it will mean as we embark upon our constitutional task," said committee chairman Rep. Burt Solomons, R-Carrollton.

The council's Senior Legislative Counsel David Hanna said one of the main goals during redistricting is to maintain whole counties as single districts. At least 20 of the state's 254 counties are currently divided into multiple districts because of the counties' large populations. Each district should have a population of about 167,637 people, Hanna said.

Rep. Roberto Alonzo, D-Dallas, said he has noticed a dramatic increase of Hispanics in the area between San Antonio and Austin. State demographer Lloyd Potter said most of the state's new Hispanic individuals settled in major urban areas and along the border.

"The Latino population grew from 32 percent to 38 percent," Potter said. "More and more counties are becoming 50 percent or more Hispanic."

Potter said Asian and African-American populations largely settled in North Texas, Houston and Austin areas. According to census data, most of the growth trend in Texas occurred east of the Interstate Highway 35 corridor, and the state continues to be half urban and half rural.

"One hundred seventy-five counties gained population," Potter said. "My assessment is that the undercount issue was not as present as many of us thought it would be."

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valuations for choosing research topics likely will not change.

"In my experience at the University, the idea of profit is not a significant factor in the selection of research topics," he said. "That is probably different in most outside firms. Most firms seem to be focused on research that will lead to a profitable product."

He said one potential benefit of the current Bayh-Dole law is it offers an incentive for the research system to pick out commercially

viable discoveries.

"I started at the University in 1990, so I don't know what it was like before Bayh-Dole, but now there is an incentive to identify potential [intellectual property] that arises in the course of research," Swartzlander said. "I suspect that the current system results in more disclosure of [intellectual property] than what was done in the past, and that provides broader dissemination of knowledge than might otherwise be the case."

The current system for taking in-

ventions from the University to private industry depends largely on market forces, said Hall Martin, director of the Austin Entrepreneur Network. He said because of market forces, the implications of the case — how private industry attracts new inventions from universities — are minimal.

"I think market forces will come to bear on this so it's not going to throw anything really out of whack," Martin said. "I don't think startups would pay any more that they are now because they just can't afford it."

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SCOUTING THE HORNS

Acho sets record, opens eyes at NFL combine as former horns attempt to improve draft status

By Will Anderson
Daily Texan Staff

The NFL Scouting Combine has dominated football coverage for the past week, even though the Texas players invited to the event didn't do much of anything until the past two days.

Three of the five Longhorns at the 2011 NFL Scouting Combine were defensive backs, meaning they didn't work out until Tuesday. Defensive end Sam Acho worked out on Monday.

It was a slight decrease from 2010, when Texas sent seven players to work out at the combine.

The Longhorns ended up with three players drafted in the first two rounds last year, including No. 14 overall pick Earl Thomas. By most accounts, the only projected top-64 picks in this year's draft are corner

Aaron Williams and perhaps Acho. Acho was the most impressive Texas player at the combine, according to the Professional Football Writers of America members in attendance in Indianapolis. He ran a sub-4.65-second 40-yard dash and was solid in position drills.

"I think my speed improved a lot," said Acho, who has been training in Florida with Team Ignition and former Cincinnati Bengals strength coach Cliff Marshall since graduating in December.

Acho worked out as a linebacker, as well, proving his versatility to teams thinking about drafting him to play as an outside linebacker in a 3-4 scheme.

The 2010 recipient of the Campbell Award — which goes to the college football player best exemplifying excellence in the classroom, on the field and in the community

— also ran a record 6.69-second L-cone drill, the fastest ever for a defensive lineman.

"A lot of teams are looking to add me as a 3-4 backer, but I think some teams still are looking at me as a 4-3 defensive end, so I'm comfortable playing any position," Acho said.

On Tuesday, former Texas cornerbacks Chykie Brown, Curtis Brown and Williams worked out for teams.

Williams, who ran a 4.52-second 40, could also play safety at the professional level.

The fifth Longhorn at the combine, offensive tackle Kyle Hix, worked out with other offensive linemen last Saturday. His best mark came in the vertical jump, where he posted the third-best time of any offensive lineman

at 32 inches. He was less impressive in the 40, with a time of 5.46 sec-



Lauren Gerson
Daily Texan Staff

Sports editor holds mock combine for team of aspiring journalists looking to find work after school



By Will Anderson
Daily Texan Columnist

What exactly does the NFL combine tell teams about potential draft picks?

It's a complex question with a nuanced answer.

The bench press rep test is a crucial watermark in separating top lineman prospects, who must utilize the same brute strength in the trenches. The cone drill and shuttle runs showcase the lateral quickness of linebackers and defensive backs, skills that actually translate directly to the field.

Then you have the 40-yard dash, a perfect example of an overvalued and simplistic metric. It's possible to count on one hand the times in a season a professional football player covers more than 30 yards in a straight line out of the three-point stance.

So college players, including a small number of Longhorns, participate in these some-

times inane drills with their future employment on the line. What would it be like if the futures of other University students — say, engineering or finance majors — depended on a single weekend of medical exams, IQ tests and technical quizzes?

Here at the Texan, we've stepped in to answer that question for you. Eyeing their future careers in the journalism world, five full-time staffers descended the steps to the office on Tuesday afternoon ready to test their professional readiness in a reporters combine.

Writers were tested on their four-story dash times, as expedience is a vital attribute when trying to meet deadline. Then came a vertical jump test, since being able to elevate is essential when interviewing seven-foot-tall basketball players. Lastly, they took a mock Wonderlic test — if Vince Young is required to take one, so should the people covering him.

Four-story dash

Speed is everything in the deadline-crazy world of professional journalism. In addition, the athletes that sports journalists cover are in good shape, which means chasing them down for an interview can be tricky.

Reporters were required to climb steps from the basement level of the Hearst Student Media Building to the fourth floor and were electronically timed by the stopwatch on a cell phone.

Jon Parrett led the pack with a speedy 11.68 seconds while Trey Scott followed closely with 12.11 seconds. Chris Hummer, who showed perhaps the most potential at the combine and could really develop into a dangerous reporter, had the third fastest time at 14.42 seconds.

Austin Laymance showed his versatility by climbing the stairs backwards in a time of 36.61, while Dan Hurwitz came in last with 57.53.

Vertical jump

The average height of a player in the NBA is just under 6-foot-7, according to the NBA. The average height of reporters is much shorter.

Everyone expected the 6-foot-2 Laymance to blow away the competition, but Scott really showed what he'd been working on during the offseason and edged out the competition in the vertical jump by a scant half inch. Meanwhile, Parrett continued to show his well-rounded game with a third-place jump.

Hummer placed fourth and Hurwitz fifth, although the two were separated by less than a quarter of an inch.

Wonderlic test

The good news, at least for Texan staffers, is that none of the five participants finished below 30 on the mock Wonderlic. The average score was 32.5, and Parrett surprised observers with a high score of 35. No Greg McElroys here but no Dan Marinos, either.

Draft board

Much was learned from the reporters combine. Scott and Hummer showed the upsides of youth while Parrett and Laymance improved their draft stock with solid positional performances. Hurwitz, like Cam Newton before him, disappointed some with his numbers, but much like his Auburn counterpart will probably still go early because of his highly successful collegiate career.

In the end, it's unlikely any future employer will put stock in these results when considering whether to give a Texan writer a job. So how much weight should the so-called experts give to the NFL combine?

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Pair of ESPN veterans to head upcoming television network

ESPN has named the vice president of its college football programming, Dave Brown, to the same position for the forthcoming University of Texas sports channel.

In addition, the cable network's former senior coordinator producer for NFL studio shows, Stephanie Druley, will serve as the new vice president of production for the Longhorn network.

Druley is a native of Houston and attended the University, graduating with a degree in journalism. She was one of the most senior staff members on the network's NFL shows before accepting her new position. She will be responsible for the look of content on the new network.

Brown was known as a TV scheduler in his last post. He will control the channel's content and business dealings.

— Will Anderson

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MEN'S TENNIS



Fanny Trang | Daily Texan Staff

Kellen Damico, left, awaits a serve from David Holiner during the Longhorns' 7-0 sweep of Texas A&M Corpus Christi on Tuesday at the Penick-Allison Tennis Center. The pair outlasted the Islanders to win the match 8-6 and the rest of the team followed suit to bring Texas its 11th win of the season.

Texas rolls over Islanders in sweep

By Wes Maulsby
Daily Texan Staff

Texas came away with its cleanest performance of the year, winning every single point to sweep Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi 7-0 Tuesday. Playing on just three days rest, Texas was still able to put together a dominating performance, and now has a full week to prepare for a match against North Carolina on March 8.

The match began the same way 10 of Texas' previous 11 did — with the Longhorns convincingly taking the doubles point. Texas won all three doubles matches without the duo of senior Ed Corrie and junior Jean Andersen, a top five tandem.

Corrie is in the midst of an up-and-down season, registering two top five wins before losing

his match against SMU. Tuesday, he was in the No. 1 spot and took the point in straight sets, losing only three games. Fellow senior Kellen Damico has been even more impressive over his recent outings, having lost two games in as many matches while posting back-to-back 6-1, 6-0 wins. Along with the strong wins from the upperclassman, Texas' younger players were able to put together steady matches too. Sophomore Vasko Mladenov led the way taking his point 6-2, 6-2, sealing the win for the Longhorns at 4-0.

"Our young guys are getting matches in, and our older guys were really good tonight," said head coach Michael Center. Texas' lineup featured only two seniors playing with two freshmen and two sophomores, so their

experience in these matches will pay off and build the team's depth as the season wears on.

Texas now heads into a four-game stretch that includes two matches against top-10 teams with only one blemish on their record. While the team has had considerable success this year, it still has room for improvement, with inconsistency plaguing it in singles play this year.

"We did some things really well tonight, and we did some things that we need to improve upon," Center said. "But overall, I think this team continues to get better."

Even in a match that featured only one lost set, Center is still looking to make his team better and will need to do so if Texas is able to get through this stretch before conference.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Texas Tech at Texas

Longhorns looking to make strong case for NCAA tourney

By Sameer Bhuchar
Daily Texan Staff

Texas isn't used to being the little kid on the Big 12 playground.

"When a bully comes and punches you, you're either going to take it and back down, or you're going to step up and attack," said Texas head coach Gail Goestenkors after losing by three points to Texas A&M on Sunday.

In almost every conference game this season, the Longhorns (17-11, 6-8 Big 12) have swung but seldom landed a punch. And as the underdogs heading into tonight's game against Texas Tech, they are simply trying to climb back into the top half of the Big 12 standings.



"We understand our backs are against the wall right now," Goestenkors said. "We're just going to come out and give it our best shot."

Many coaches would glaze over the logistics of the situation, but Goestenkors and her team have carefully calculated the stakes of what lies ahead. If Texas can't take care of Texas Tech tonight and then Oklahoma State on Saturday, its chances of making the NCAA tournament are slim.

"If we win the next two games, I think we'll be in," Goestenkors said. "If we go one-and-one we are leaving it in someone else's hands to determine our fate. I think we feel secure to win at least one of the next two games, but if we lose both, I think we'll have to win the Big 12 conference championship to make it"

As reality sets in on this roller coaster season, there is a glimmer of hope for the Longhorns. The last time Tex-

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Technological tools help students manage money

By Aleksander Chan
Daily Texan Staff

Of all the hottest trends among college students, debt is the most fashionable.

According to a report released by the Project on Student Debt, students who graduated in 2009 carried an average of \$24,000 in student loan debt. The report, released last October, is based on collaborative survey results from U.S. News and World Report, Peterson's (who publishes college guides) and the College Board.

Sure, it's a heavy burden to bear come graduation, but it's not as if you were spending that money on a luxurious affair.

Despite accruing thousands of dollars of debt, student life is a notoriously thrifty one. The typical student budget is: parent-subsidized, cheap or free. But the tools for stretching every last dollar have become only more accessible and useful with the Internet, where it's never been easier (and looked cooler) to be poor.

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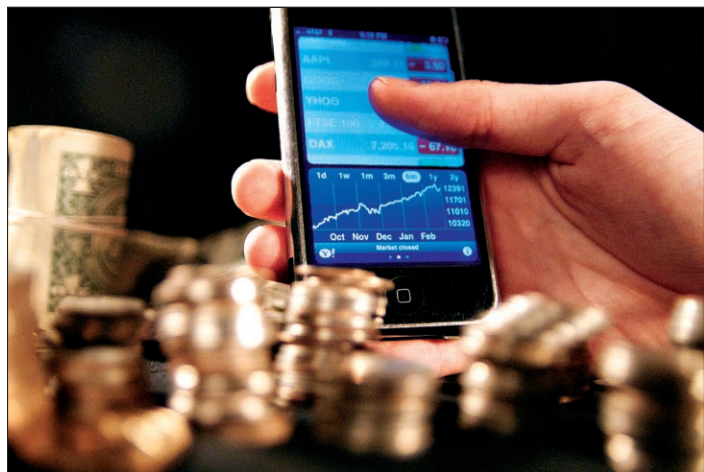


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Many smart phones have applications available that can help students manage their finances to avoid falling into debt after graduation.

UT alumna writes novels in haiku form

Editor's Note: This is the seventh installment of a column exploring the literary world in Austin.



By Madeleine Crum

A group of fidgety elementary school-aged students count down from 10, their eyes glued to the sky. Just because they live in Florida, where space shuttle launches are a frequent occurrence, doesn't make witnessing tumbling, thunderous clouds of orange-gray smoke stretching across the horizon anything less than magical.

"As a kid, I was amazed that for some people, being on a space shuttle was an every day thing," said Kari Anne Roy, local children's book author and mother of three. "An everyday thing for me was being stuck on a school bus."

Her young exposure to the astronomical, along with being raised in the '80s when "The Explorers," "Tron" and "Starman" triumphed on the silver screen, led to an interest in science fiction writing. Her first fiction novel, "Mike Stellar: Nerves of Steel," chronicles the adventures of a young boy who



Ryan Smith | Daily Texan Staff

Author Kari Anne Roy plays with her four-year-old daughter, Georgia, in their South Austin home Tuesday. Roy is a former UT student and writes children's books in haiku form.

moves to Mars because of his parents' mysterious jobs.

Before realizing her dreams, Roy tried her hand at a slew of professions that she found to be dull by comparison. Although she graduated from UT in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in art history, a play-

writing class she took her junior year was all it took for her to switch directions career-wise. Lamenting that it was too late to change her major, Roy instead decided to apply her persuasive essay-writing skills to a job writing copy for an advertising agency. Although this

allowed for some creativity, she quickly became disenchanted with the field.

"As I spent years writing radio and TV commercials for diamond rings, car washes, frozen custard

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GAME REVIEW

Halo imitator fails to thrill players, beat down competition

By Allistair Pinsof
Daily Texan Staff

Motion control technology (via Sony's PlayStation Move controller) and visuals crafted for 3-D enabled TVs can't add depth to the banal and drab world of "Killzone 3." By

all accounts, these things make the experience worse.

"Killzone" has always been a reactionary series, responding to trends and ideas of more groundbreaking titles ("Halo," "Call of Duty") a year too late. If there is a magic formula for merging the sandbox bat-

tlegrounds of "Halo" with the controlled, roller coaster pace of "Call of Duty," "Killzone" developer Guerrilla Games has yet to find it.

First and foremost, the series is Sony's platform for marketing a given year's agenda. Guerrilla Games' efforts, no matter how earnest, feel

like an embellishment.

The original "Killzone" (2004) was pushed by publisher Sony as being a "Halo-killer." If sales and reviews are any indicator, it wasn't

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Killzone 3
Guerrilla Games

Genre: First-Person Shooter

Platform: PS3

For those who like:

"Halo," "Call of Duty" and "Battlefield: Bad Company 2"

Grade: C

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